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Report of: [redacted] Office: Los Angeles, California
Date: 6/15/68

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Title: SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: Ambulance driver and attendant who transported Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY from Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, to Central Receiving Hospital, Los Angeles, related circumstances surrounding trip. Director of Security, Ambassador Hotel, advised that at conclusion of Senator KENNEDY's speech, female member of KENNEDY campaign staff informed him Senator KENNEDY intended to leave by rear steps of the hotel and requested pathway through crowd be made. Vice President, Ambassador Hotel, advised that Senator KENNEDY's detour through Embassy Room kitchen area was a change from original plan. SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN observed by several individuals in area of Embassy Room prior to shooting and all advised SIRHAN was alone to best of their knowledge. ROOSEVELT GRIER, who assisted in subduing SIRHAN after shooting, advised did not observe SIRHAN prior to shooting, and did not recall anyone running from Embassy Room kitchen area after shooting. THANE EUGENE CESAR, on duty as guard at Ambassador Hotel on evening of 6/4/68, witnessed shooting, and did not recall any other individual with SIRHAN at time. [redacted] and [redacted] advised that on afternoon of 6/4/68, while at San Gabriel Valley Gun Club, Duarte, California, for target shooting, noticed individual shooting rapidly on adjacent pistol range. Both went to pistol range to observe weapon this individual using. They engaged this individual, subsequently identified by both from

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CESAR estimated there were approximately fifty persons in the kitchen area at the time of the shooting. This included kitchen help, newsmen, and campaign workers. CESAR recalled the room was in utter confusion but there appeared to be very little movement of people and he cannot recall seeing anyone attempting to flee from the room. CESAR added he cannot recall seeing any female wearing a white dress with black polka dots.

and CESAR, holding Senator KENNEDY's right arm and holding the crowd back with his right hand, began to escort the Senator through the crowd.

As the Senator entered the kitchen from the corridor, approximately ten feet from a steam table, KENNEDY pulled loose from CESAR's grasp and proceeded over to shake hands with a busboy. At this time, CESAR attempted to stay as close to KENNEDY as possible and at the same time, trying to control the crowd. As KENNEDY was shaking hands with a busboy, CESAR looked up and suddenly saw a hand sticking out of the crowd between two camera men and the hand was holding a gun. CESAR continued he was blinded by the brilliant lights and could not see the face of the individual holding the gun. Just as CESAR started to move to jump on the gun, he saw the red flash come from the muzzle. At the same time, CESAR was shoved by an unknown individual, and the next thing he remembered he was on the floor against the ice machine. CESAR stated he was approximately four feet from the gun when it went off and that Senator KENNEDY was approximately two feet from the gun.

CESAR scrambled to his feet, drew his gun, and moved to the Senator. At this time, CESAR stated there were several men on top of the assassin trying to get the gun from his grasp. CESAR stated he took a position next to the Senator's body to protect him from further attack, and about three minutes later was given orders by Ambassador Security Guard [redacted] to get to the Embassy Room doors and keep the crowd out. CESAR took his position at the Embassy Room door inside the Embassy Room and stayed there until approximately 2:00 a.m. controlling the crowd. b6 b7C

CESAR stated he did not see SIRHAN at all during the evening and never saw anyone in the kitchen area that was dressed in anything other than a suit except for one television employee who turned out to be a delivery man.

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Date 6/11/68

THANE EUGENE CESAR, 1852 Morley, Simi, California, was interviewed at his place of employment, Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Burbank, California.

CESAR advised he is employed on a part-time basis by the Ace Guard Service, 8720 Woodley Avenue, Sepulveda, California. CESAR stated in connection with this employment, he was assigned as a guard to the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968.

CESAR stated he arrived for work at the Ambassador Hotel that evening at 6:05 p.m. and was assigned to the Embassy Room for most of the evening. CESAR stated his main function during the early part of the evening was to patrol the entrance to the Embassy Room, control drunks, break up fights, and to keep young children from sneaking into the Embassy Room.

About 10:50 p.m. the Embassy Room was becoming so crowded that CESAR, at the request of the Los Angeles Fire Department, was assigned to the kitchen area behind the Embassy Room. CESAR stated his function at that point was to restrict people from entering the Embassy Room from the kitchen, allowing admittance only to KENNEDY staff members and members of the working press. CESAR stated that it was nearly impossible to control people entering the room since false press badges and staff buttons were prevalent. CESAR stated he noticed no one in the kitchen who was not wearing a business suit and noticed no one loitering in a suspicious manner.

At 11:50 p.m., CESAR was moved to the exit door leading from the Embassy Room into the kitchen area by [redacted] [redacted] Security Guard, Ambassador Hotel. CESAR stated at this time he was informed by [redacted] the plan was for Senator KENNEDY to leave the Embassy Room through this door after making his victory speech and proceed through the kitchen to the Colonial Room where a press conference was scheduled to be held. At approximately 12:10 a.m., Senator KENNEDY emerged from the Embassy Room into the corridor leading to the kitchen; b6 b7C

On 6/10/68 at Burbank, California File # Los Angeles 56-155

by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] jmk/bje) Date dictated 6/11/68

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